PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

OFFICIAL REPORT

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

TWELFTH SESSION—1943/1118.

Tuesday, the 1st June 1943/18th Edavom 1118.

The Assembly met in the Legislative Chamber on Tuesday, the 1st June 1943. Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., Dewan, presided.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members were sworn in :—

1. Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector-General of Police*),
2. Mr. E. I. Chacko (*Director of Industries*);
3. Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*);
4. Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*) ; *and*
5. Dr. H. Parameswaran (*Controller of Stationery and Printing*);

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Price control of paper.

92. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara cum Kunattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any control measures have been effected with regard to paper ; and

(*b*) if so, the price fixed by Government ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Controller of Stationery and Printing*) : (*a*) The distribution and use of paper has been controlled by three Orders, *viz.*, the Paper Control Order, the Newspaper Control Order and the Newsprint Control Order.

(*b*) The question of fixing the price of paper is engaging the attention of Government.

Arrangements for the supply of paper.

93. * MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be please to state :

(*a*) whether any arrangements have been made for the supply of paper to the students in schools ;

(*b*) whether any such arrangements are made for the supply of paper to the Bar Association and such other institutions ; and

(*c*) if so, the arrangements made ?

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DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Yes, in the form of standard note books.

(*b*) Yes, to a limited extent.

(*c*) Standard note books have been arranged to be got ready in the Government Press and sold to the students in schools and colleges at a fixed price. Government have also ordered the supply of half a ton of paper to the Travancore University Co-operative Stores for the use of the students in the colleges in Trivandrum.

The Punalur Paper Mills have also been instructed to sell a reasonable quota of paper to *bona fide* consumers other than newspapers within Travancore who approach them direct.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know the arrangements so far made ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : The consuming public in Travancore and those institutions which are approaching Government like newspapers and other private bodies are given now a certain amount of paper to meet very urgent needs. The full quantity cannot be given for the simple reason that adequate stock is not forthcoming yet.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know wherefrom students are able to get their note books ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : Students can get their standard note books through their institution, if the institution approaches the Superintendent, Government Press, direct.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know whether the books have already been sent to the various authorities ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : About fifty thousand note books have already been sold and more books are being made ready to meet the increasing demand received every day.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know whether Government will take steps to send books to the different schools ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : That is exactly the arrangement proposed. Boys need get their books only from the schools they are attending.

Export of Lemon Grass Oil.

94. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the specific foreign markets to which lemon grass oil is exported from the State ; and

(*b*) whether they have adopted any means to procure to the oil manufactories in the State the best price for the oil ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : (*a*) The United Kingdom, the United States of America and Canada.

(*b*) The price of the oil depends upon market conditions which Government cannot control.

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